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Approach to the Library along Central Avenue—Cornell University

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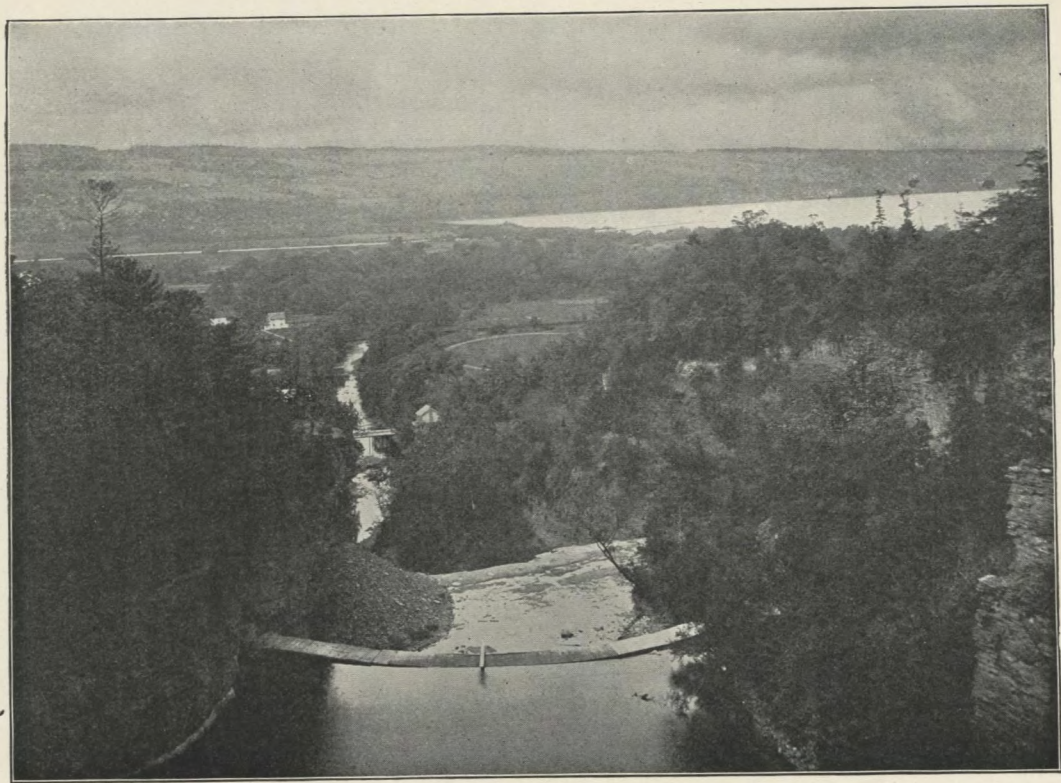
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Cornell University

The chimes! A quarter of eight! Can it be possible! The great bells peal forth and seem to be determined to awaken every lazy slumberer in Sage College. They cheer the long line of early students wending their way up Central Avenue to eight o'clock recitations. An interesting line it is, strange as the confused medley of the "Changes" coming from the lofty gray tower: a few energetic girls on their way to Greek or Math; hordes of Sibleyites with their dinner-pails in their hands; students in civil engineering, ready to take their mysterious poles and tapes and survey the campus for the hundredth time; architecture men with rolls of drawing material; a few studious Arts and Law men going to "cram" in their respective libraries. The "Changes" cease. A well-known tune comes from the tower. What a comfort the bells are!

Cornell's campus lies between two gorges. As one enters, the laughter of tumbling water greets the ear and the visitor crossing a stone bridge, leans over and watches the little falls in the ravine beneath. In the days when the foundations of the college were being laid, there was no bridge here, and old people still delight to relate how they used to climb down the side of the ravine on a ladder and cross the stream on a wooden plank. On the edge of this ravine to the left, is the Psi Upsilon lodge and to the right the brown stone home of the Kappa Alphas. On the brow of the hill above stands the Armory, while beyond is an avenue of elms sheltering, on the left, a row of professors'



View from above Ithaca Falls—Cornell University

houses. In the midst of these is Sage Cottage, the girls' smaller dormitory. On the right a large lawn fronts a red brick building of somewhat Gothic architecture, Sage College,—the girls' larger dormitory. Just a step beyond Sage is the Christian Association building, Barnes' Hall, from which a gravel walk leads to the Chapel.

From this point the campus is shaped in a quadrangle. At the lower end are the Law and new Medical buildings, two long handsome structures of gray stone. To the left is the Library Building also of gray stone. Its most striking exterior feature is the lofty clock tower containing the chimes. Every visitor is taken to the stone seat behind the Library which commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Here on a spring evening, one may watch the sun sink behind the hills opposite and the crew coming up the inlet from the lake gives a touch of life to the picture that makes the scene one long to be remembered. Beyond the Library is a row of old buildings, built from the native stone, a sombre gray, part of the original college. To the right are the Dairy and Architecture buildings; and at the north end of the quadrangle, Franklin and Morse Halls, for Physics and Chemistry respectively; east of these stands Sibley, the mechanical engineering headquarters, with its shop and apparatus on the edge of a deep gorge. In this gorge, several hundred feet deep in places, are numerous water-falls, some quite large and beautiful. At the head of the gorge is Beebe Lake, a small body of water. Here in winter gay crowds congregate to skate and toboggan.

Cornell, founded in 1865, is a young institution. Its first enrollment consisted of four hundred students and a faculty of thirty-four. To-day the faculty numbers three hundred and eighty and the students are three thousand strong. These figures do not take into consideration the enrollment of a large and flourishing summer school.

Already we speak with pride of the great men who have left their mark on the institution: Andrew D. White, Goldwin Smith, and Morse Stevens; while Lowell, Agassiz,



The Library—Cornell University

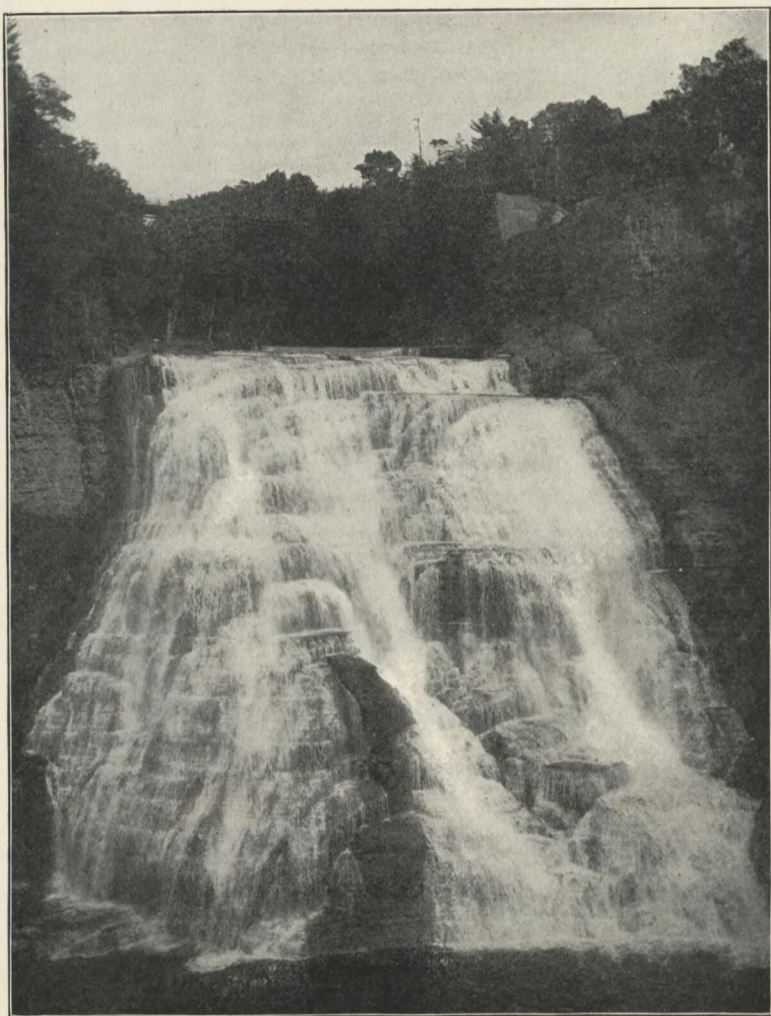
Geo. Wm. Curtis, and Dwight, the eminent jurist, who have also been frequent lecturers or professors *in absentia* are not forgotten.

Cornell is a non-sectarian institution. Ministers of various denominations hold services in the Chapel twice each Sunday. Here also an organ recital is held at five o'clock every evening. How refreshing it is to come from the labors of the day to this peaceful Chapel to rest and to listen to the strains of the organ, while the last rays of the sun light up the mosaic figures in the apse. This mosaic work is said to be the best of its kind in America. In the apse lie the bodies of Henry W. Sage and his wife. To Mr. Sage Cornell owes much. As the donor of the Chapel, Library, Sage College and the Infirmary he will ever be remembered. At the rear of the chapel is a door leading to a little memorial chapel in which are recumbent marble figures of Ezra Cornell and Mrs. Andrew D. White.

The Library Building is a most interesting edifice, but how little are its treasures appreciated, especially by under class men! How many students know that the White Library contains one of the finest historical collections in the country; that the Dante collection is the finest in the world!

In fact, so immense and so many sided is the University that its treasures can hardly be appreciated except by those who make use of them in their various departments.

"Sibley" is so important a part of the University as to deserve special mention. It is the school of mechanical engineering, and was probably in the mind of Poultney Bigelow when he said, — "Cornell is one of the youngest of American colleges, but it has, first of all the universities, had the courage to break away from hampering traditions, and to regard the university as something more than the refuge of the scholar." The fine natural advantages attendant upon Sibley's position at the edge of the gorge, near some of the most powerful water-falls, have enabled it to gain the finest hydraulic laboratory in America, and one of which its students are justly proud. One picturesque



Ithaca Falls—About a quarter of a mile from the Campus

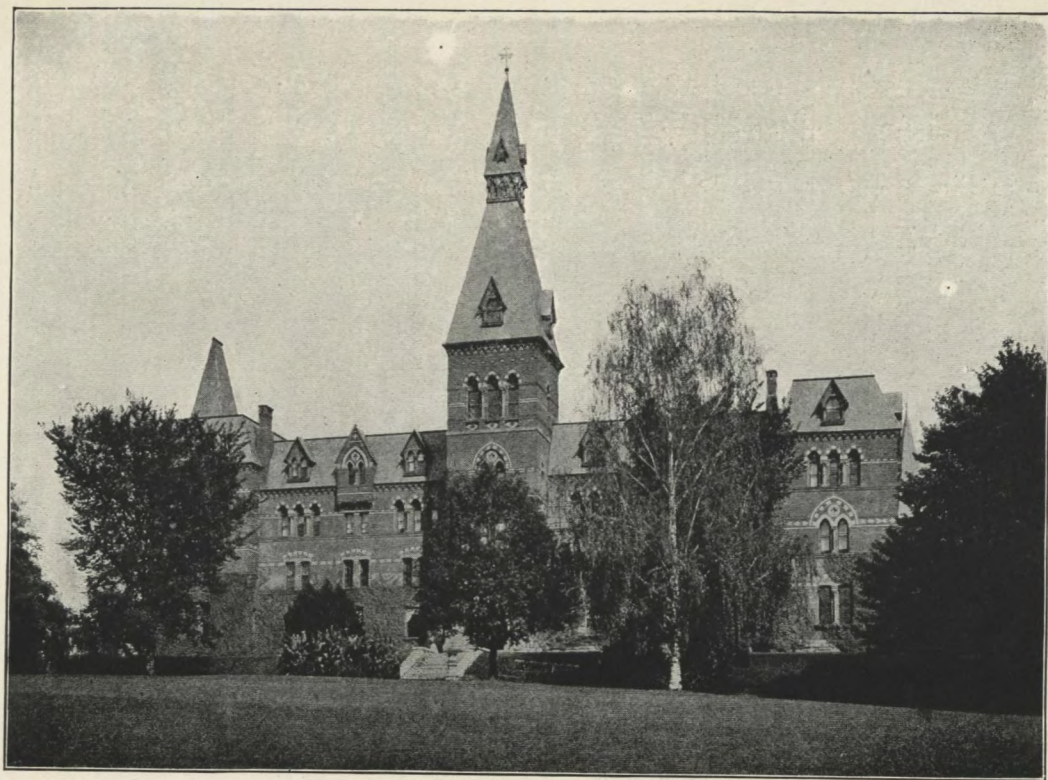
feature connected with Sibley is the dinner-pails. The majority of the men carry them, since there is no dining-hall on the campus, and "shop-work" extends throughout the afternoon. It is an amusing sight to the stranger to see these "well-dressed workmen" with dinner-pails. Poultney Bigelow, at least, seems to have found it so, for tradition says that he took away several of the said pails as mementoes.

Cornell has no dormitory for her men, the majority of whom live in boarding houses outside the campus. A large number, however, have homes in fraternity houses. Of these there are many, for at Cornell the fraternity idea has been very fully developed. There are twenty-eight men's fraternities, in addition to professional fraternities and other organizations of similar nature. The lodges of most of them are exceedingly handsome and commodious. The Chi Psi, a superb structure of gray stone, is especially notable. It is considered the finest fraternity house in the world.

About two hundred of the young women live in Sage College and the Cottage, and several hundred more board outside. Life in Sage is similar to that in most college dormitories. There are four fraternities,—Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta. With one exception the chapter rooms are in Sage. There seems to be no movement toward the establishment of chapter houses. In past years one fraternity made an unsuccessful trial of this plan, which conditions do not seem to favor.

Many of the young women are enthusiastic basket-ball players, and each spring a series of games occurs, in which the various classes contest for the championship. Tennis and rowing are the exercises most common in the warmer months and serve as a popular substitute for gymnasium work. On Beebe Lake, where the girls have a small boat-house, rowing is practiced. Fencing ends the list of athletic diversions.

The gymnasium is the headquarters not only for ath-



Sage College—Front View. Cornell University

letics but also for various social events. Every evening after dinner the girls have informal dancing, and occasionally more formal dances are given by the various fraternities and societies. Here also the class "stunts" occur. These are of varying character. Several years ago '94 gave a county fair, and last year 1902 presented "Pinafore." Moreover, the gymnasium serves as a stage for the various performances of the dramatic club, two of whose great successes have been "She Stoops to Conquer" and Tennyson's "Forsters."

The girls also frequently take part in the Masque, a play given by men and women together in Junior and Senior weeks. This year the "Junior Week" play was "Trelawny of the Wells" and nine girls, three of whom were Thetas, took part.

The name "Sage College" is frequently the cause of misunderstanding concerning the relations holding between the men and women of the University. Many people have thought that Sage College was a woman's annex, as are Barnard and Radcliffe. Such, however, is not the case. Sage College is simply the name of a dormitory which might more properly have been called Sage Hall.

The college was not co-educational for the first few years of its existence, though the desire of the founder is shown in the words, "I would found an institution where *any person* can find instruction in any thing." Legend has it that early in the college history a woman presented herself as included under the class "all persons." However that may be, the subject of coeducation was seriously agitated in 1871, and in 1872 the system was legally adopted. To further and aid this plan Henry W. Sage built and endowed Sage Hall which was opened in 1874. From that time coeducation at Cornell has prospered. Men and women recite together in all classes. Classes composed entirely of men are found only in courses which women would not naturally care to select, as in mechanical engineering. However,

Sibley is said to have once registered a woman, and there is at present one girl taking Civil Engineering.

Much interest is sometimes shown concerning the comparative scholarship of the men and women. Of the sixteen students chosen in 1902 by the honorary society Phi Beta Kappa, ten were women; of the thirty-six chosen in the same year by Sigma Xi, six were women.

Cornell's natural situation typifies its mental attitude. It does not lie in a secluded valley sheltered by trees and gentle slopes, but rather bravely faces every storm alone on the hill top whence it can see every passing cloud and realize its significance. So in the intellectual world, it bravely considers every question first hand, and has come to stand pre-eminently for alert, modern practical thought. It has even broken the bonds of tradition enough to have a yell which is intelligible. This is felt even on an excited football field where every true Cornellian shouts,

"Cornell, I yell, yell, yell, Cornell!"

IOTA.

Unique Honors Won by a Member of Kappa Alpha Theta

Often, of late, has Omega Chapter welcomed back to her fold many of her members, both active and Alumnae, who have traveled in far lands — in different parts of the United States, in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands, in the Philippines, and in Europe. Some of these have been away a few months, some a year or more, but however far they go, or however long they stay, a warm welcome awaits them from Omega here under the Berkeley hills, that encompass fraternity, University, each of us and all, in affectionate embrace, and in memory as well as in reality mean home to any who have once lived within their shadow.

But this last summer came back to us the wanderer who has been away the longest — six long years; who has all these years studied, and worked, and striven against heavy odds: who comes back to us an Architect from the Beaux Arts in Paris, the only woman who has so far been able to take and complete the course in Architecture at that famous but most difficult school. Omega Chapter has always loved her. Small wonder that she now takes the greatest pride and delight in her, and feels that she now has new title to honor from all her sister chapters, and from the world at large.

Julia Morgan is our Architect just home from long study in Paris. After her graduation in 1894 from the College of Civil Engineering at the University of California, thus having had four years of University training in her chosen profession, she did some practical work for a year in the office of a well-known architect in Berkeley. Then she decided that in Paris, that mecca of all artists, she must carry on her further study. To Paris she went in the summer of 1896, and there, for three years, she worked alone under the direction of one of the best-known architects in that

great and artistic city, M. Chaussemiche. No dilettante work, this study of architecture, with its serious requirements in both mathematics and engineering; and when she finally decided to enter the *Ecole des Beaux Arts*, she fully realized that still more arduous labor awaited her. It was an unprecedented step for a young woman to present herself at the Beaux Arts to take the entrance examination for architectural students, and many difficulties were placed in her way. Undaunted by one rebuff, she made a second trial, and this time even unwilling examiners could find no excuse for keeping her out of this domain heretofore exclusively reserved for men. Here for three years, she studied and worked, still under the direction of her *patron*, M. Chaussemiche, fulfilling all the requirements just as the men did, and in far shorter time than they. These requirements — how can one give an idea of them? Architectural problems to be worked out in a given time, each counting so many units, and often so corrected and altogether upset at the last minute by the *patron* that the work of weeks must be reconstructed in a few days and nights of work. Little sleep during these days and nights, be sure! And while the young men are benefitting from each other's suggestions and criticisms in their common workrooms at the School itself, the solitary woman must struggle along alone in her own little apartment up three long flights of stairs, with only a friendly *concierge* and a few well-disposed French neighbors to expostulate at overwork. Besides these problems there were the examinations *en loge*, when one must be shut up in a tiny room, hot in summer, cold in winter, there to work at his task till it be finished, whether three hours suffice, or six, or even ten. All the time a foreign language to contend with, and foreign customs; but few friends, — at first even impoliteness and unkindness on the part of the men-students and their *patrons*. This gradually changed to tolerance and civility, and finally to congratulation on work well accomplished and prizes awarded — a career so successful as to win recognition and

praise not only from her own *patron*, but from those of the beaux Arts itself.

So we have her again among us, skilled, competent, strong in will, in courage, in training, but withal so quiet and modest, so retiring, that even her sisters of Omega know little of her past work or her present — how much less, then, the Fraternity elsewhere, and the world without? Yet she was at once sought out on her return this last summer by Mr. John G. Howard, the supervising architect of the great University buildings to be erected on the Berkeley campus in accordance with the world-famed Binard plans. She is hard at work in his office day after day, still the one woman among the several draughtsmen. What think you, then, of Omega's pride in being able to say "She is one of us! And we are worth far more to ourselves, to our University, to our sister Chapters, and to the great world, because of the influence of this gentle, modest little woman, Julia Morgan."

OMEGA.

Thetas In Journalism

In the vast sheet which we in never failing drollness call a newspaper, woman has come to be an essential part of the working body. As an interviewer she shows how splendidly she has developed the quality which first led our mother Eve to interrogate the serpent; one can generally rely upon it that the topics of purely human interest more than treatises on bias folds and box plaits come from the pen of a woman. Through the exercise of these essentially feminine qualities another way is open for women to gain an erratic income by doing things she shouldn't do and telling of them afterwards. Almost a score of Thetas have served as reporters for the newspapers throughout the states, and many have done valuable staff work. Mrs. Byron Caples of Waukesha, Wisconsin, who was formerly Grace Helle, '91, Epsilon, made a name and place for herself as journalist at the capital city of America. This is a most exacting field, the methods of work being different from those of other cities. Very early in her career the young journalist was offered a place on the staff of the Washington Post that she filled for four years, leaving it for a still more conspicuous one on the New York Herald. Since her marriage Mrs. Caples has been engaged in literary effort of a different sort and has taken the first steps toward lecture and magazine work for which her talents are well adapted.

Another who has gone from journalism to the writing of short stories, is Louise R. Gibbs, '99, Eta Chapter; she was endowed with quickness of perception and fluency of pen and did formerly some reporting for the News Tribune in Detroit.

Jessie M. Binoham, ex 1900, Chi, shows herself most versatile and successful from the great amount and variety

of literary work she has done. Since 1880 when her first story was accepted by Hamilton Mabie for what is now known as the Outlook, she has written industriously for Harper's Young People, The Congregationalist, Forward, Christian Advocate, the Classmate, and a dozen others, and what was quite different, Miss Bingham worked regularly on the staff of the New York Mail and Express, and of the Syracuse Standard. Many of her leaflets and pamphlets have had a wide circulation as well as three books. "Faith's Christmas Letter" has just been published.

Kathryn B. Staley ex-1887, Alpha Chapter, is another gifted young woman who has written for many newspapers, and characteristic sketches for Munsey's and other magazines. She held staff positions on the New York Sun and Journal and at one time was an editor for the Chicago News, besides doing special work for the Louisville Times. In Boston as a student at the Conservatory, she began musical and dramatic criticism on the Commonwealth. Although Miss Staley has given up metropolitan journalism, we may sometime look for a large literary work, that will give us her impressions and experiences in the various College Settlements and mission houses where she has worked.

A Theta whose name is known widely through her short stories and magazine articles is Mrs. Helen Watter-son Moody, 1883, Epsilon, formerly correspondent for the Cleveland Leader and Editor of the social column of the New York Sun. Mrs. Moody's writings appear frequently in Scribners', the Forum, Harper's, Cosmopolitan, and the Ladies' Home Journal.

Alpha Chapter has always had good women and active, none more so than Mrs. E. C. Martin, ex-1876, the editor-in-chief of Demorest's Magazine, who writes constantly for every sort of paper and magazine. Space permits little more than a mention of the following who have all tasted of the joys and bitterness of journalism.

Mrs. Grace Soper Dole, 1882, Iota, was at one time the literary editor of the "Boston Journal." Agnes Lee, 1899,

Kappa, is exchange editor on the "Kansas City Star." Mrs. S. B. Goff, 1886, Mu, edited the children's department of the "Pittsburgh Despatch," and was foreign correspondent for the "Pittsburgh Times."

It is unfortunate that New York life and duties do not permit of Miss Maida Castelhun, 94, Omega, doing any journalistic work as she writes most pleasantly and with a clear insight into people and things. Until last year she was engaged in book reviewing for the New York Times, and previously wrote the dramatic criticisms for the San Francisco Wave.

Miss Henrietta Weber, Alpha Gamma, after doing some general newspaper work in Ohio, became music critic of the New York Sun, 1900-01; at present she is not engaged in any journalistic work, owing to the fact that her purely musical work engrosses all her time.

There are a score or so who have served as reporters, and like the busy bee of old, gathered honey from every opening flower, or rather copy from every opening mouth. To them and all, continued success!

Long may Theta live in Journalism!

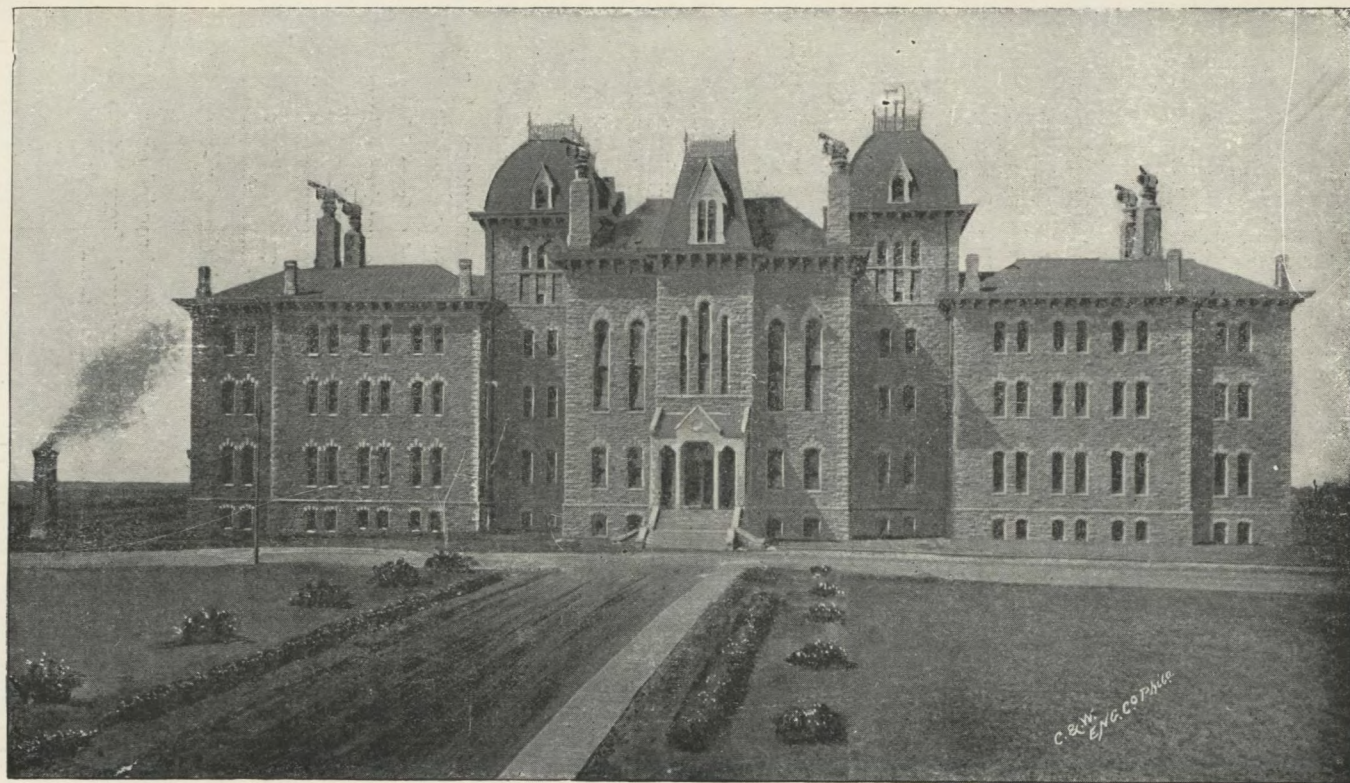
MAY K. FLANNERY,
Gamma Alumnae.

Kansas State University

You have heard of Kansas in song and story, for Kansas has many honors to be recorded. Her inhabitants have surely attained prominence in many lines. There is only one original Jerry Simpson and Mary Ellen Lease has no duplicate, in modern times.

Yes, Kansas leads in various ways. One of the leaders on which we look with most pride is our Educational System. At the head of this system, which statistics show to be one of the best in the United States, is the Kansas University situated at Lawrence on the bank of the Kaw. We look up to K. U. not only from choice, but also from necessity, for the University is on the top of Mount Oread which rises some two hundred feet above the surrounding country. We believe the theory that Oread was the original Eden still lacks sufficient proof to make it credible; but at all events it is an Eden to Kansans and Missourians and New Yorkers and Californians, or whoever has taken a view of the hill and surrounding country. Lawrence, which lies to the north and east, on account of its wealth of foliage, is scarcely discernible from the top of the mountain. Only its spires and steeples can be seen, and on the outskirts of the town, the old Dutch windmill, brought from Holland in the early fifties. Beyond the city one catches glimpses of the river as it winds eastward through the valley. To the south-east are the buildings of the government Indian school, Haskell Institute. To the south and west is a deep valley, and beyond, the uplands, whose farms give evidence of the productiveness of the soil and the thrift of the people.

The University idea, in Kansas, was brooded over from '61 to '64, hatched in '65, and matured from '65 to '93. Although the University is still in its infancy, it gives prom-



Fraser Hall—Kansas State University

ise of a hale and hearty life, with thoughts of a decrepit old age crowded far into the background.

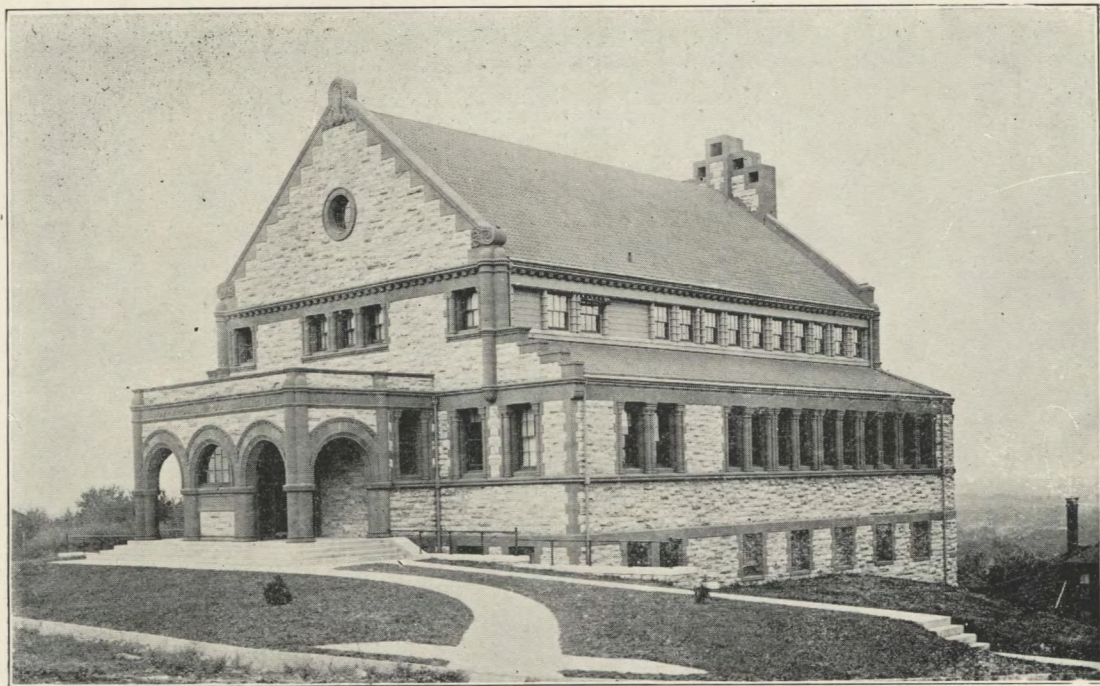
The Campus comprises about fifty acres. There are nine buildings, exclusive of the Chancellor's residence;—Library, Academic Hall, Physics Building, Medical Hall, New Chemistry Building, Snow Hall of Natural History, Fowler Shops, North College (Fine Arts), and New Museum. It is hoped the embryonic law building and gymnasium will develop under the gentle care of the convening legislature. These buildings are substantial and ornamental, and were built at a cost of about six hundred thousand dollars.

Our chapel, which is in Academic or Fraser Hall, has a seating capacity of about one thousand. It is plain and unostentatious, but we are very proud of our electric pipe organ, one of the finest in the West.

Every one who has heard of Kansas University has heard of Professor Lewes L. Dyche who has made so many successful trips to Alaska and Greenland in search of specimens in Natural History. His collection is one of the most complete in the world. Many animals have been mounted and placed on exhibition by him, and many specimens in the shape of skins, which have long been packed away for want of space for display, will be brought forth on the completion of our new museum.

The student body of the University consists of about eight hundred men and four hundred women. Most of these are of an athletic build;—climbing Mount Oread three times a day is sufficient for the most ardent enthusiast in exercise. Perhaps it is to this that we may attribute the absence of a gymnasium.

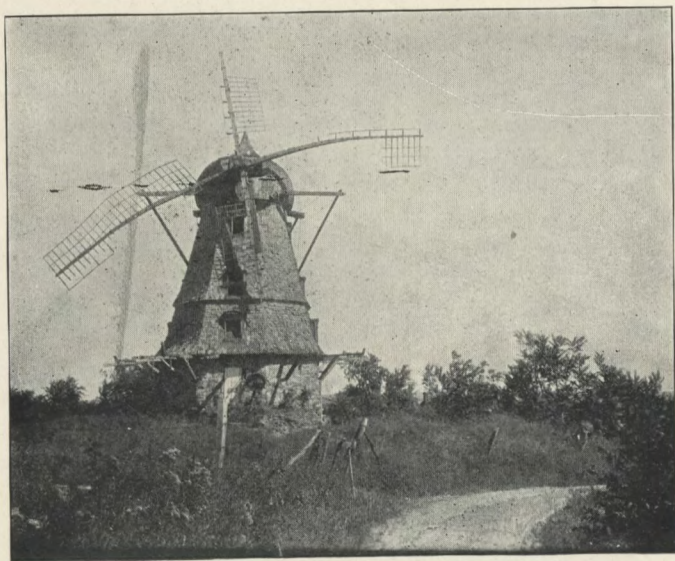
The western democratic spirit is strong at K. U. The professors take a great interest in student affairs and frequently during the year faculty receptions are given. Many of the professors also entertain their classes in their homes. Each class endeavors to have parties during each term, but not until they become Seniors are their "go's" and "spreads"



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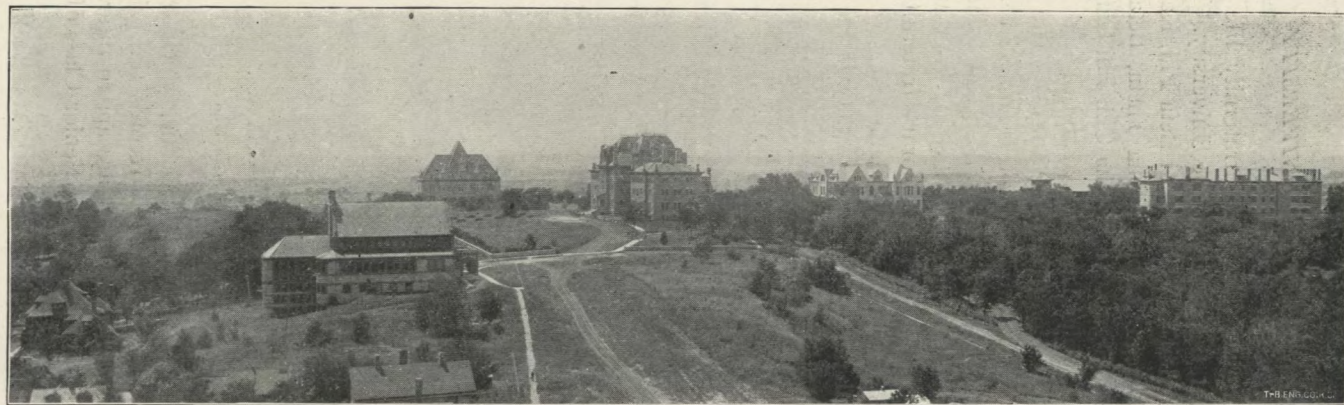
of great importance. Then, too, fraternity life constitutes to a great extent, the society of the University. The fraternities represented at K. U. are: Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. All of these have fraternity houses. The non-fraternity element lacks organization, and is not so strong as it has been. This may be attributed to the good feeling existing between non-fraternity and fraternity students, and between the fraternities as well. The honorary fraternities are Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Phi Delta Phi.

The official paper of the University is the "Weekly."



Old Wind Mill—Kansas State University

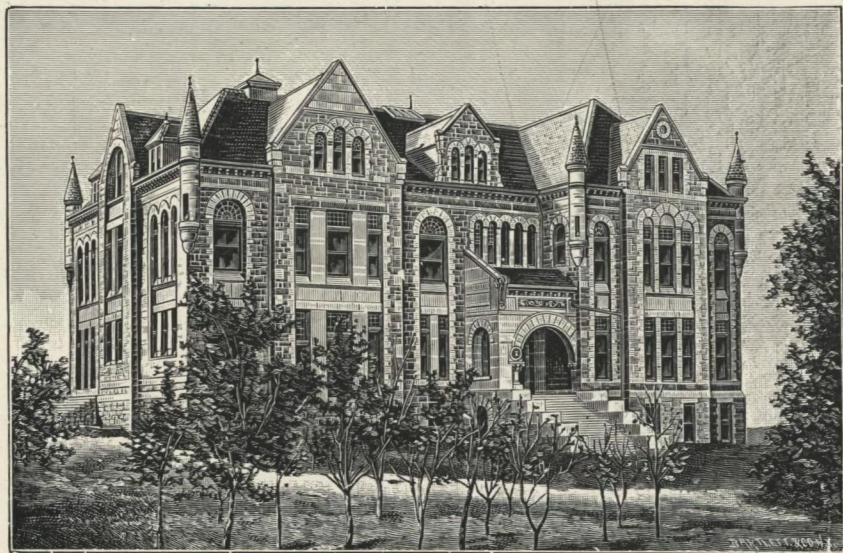
There is also the Graduate Magazine, which seeks to keep in touch with the Alumni. It records the principal happenings of the University that are apt to interest Alumni. The Annual is published by the Senior Class of the School



Bird's Eye View of Campus—Kansas State University

of Arts, with the co-operation of the Senior classes of other schools. It aims at the two ends sought by every annual — roasting the professors, and making money for the business manager.

The red letter days of the University are four in number. The first is at Thanksgiving, when K. U. and the Missouri Tigers meet at Kansas City on the gridiron. Everybody is enthusiastic over foot-ball, on this day, and Kansas and Missouri are not exceptions to the rule. This game is the culmination of the weeks of hard work of the team and enthusiasm of the students. No one thinks of going home for vacation until after this game, and the railroads run special trains for the occasion. The feeling is bitter between Missouri and Kansas, and as Kansas City is such a central battle ground, the supporters of both teams turn out *en masse*, and enthusiasm runs high. The next red letter day is marked by the junior Prom, which always comes in April. As at most other Universities this is the greatest college society event of the year. For weeks beforehand plans are laid for this ball by the envious sophomore who cannot attend, as well as by the junior, who must hide his dress suit in good time, if he would wear it. Even if he manages to keep all his clothes, and get safely out of the house into his carriage, his troubles are not over. Mobs of Sophomores stand ready to waylay any unfortunate Junior, and he is very apt to arrive at the hall, if he finally does arrive, minus collar and good looks. Another exciting time for the students is the May-pole rush which begins the evening before the first day of May, and ends at nine o'clock the following morning, when the whistle from Fowler's shops blows to warn the Freshmen and Sophomores that scrapping must cease and that chapel is the next thing in order. The Juniors and Seniors are supposed to take sides respectively with these two classes, but they never go farther than to deal out coffee and sandwiches to the weary boys at the seven o'clock breakfast hour. The scrap takes place on the campus, around the tarred May-pole bearing the Fresh-



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man colors. The Sophomores rarely have the satisfaction of substituting their own colors, and on account of the superiority in numbers of their enemy, they usually find themselves, in the end, ingloriously tarred, and tied around this hated piece of bespattered gas-pipe. After this May day scrap there is no excitement until the fourth red letter day, which comes at Commencement time. Then the would-be actors and actresses of the graduating class appear in the Senior play, with their jokes and funny take-offs, to the



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amusement of those who are not hit by their fun. The Play is usually written by a committee appointed by the class president, and much time, thought, and worry are put on its production. Except for this Senior Play Commencement week is not of as much general interest to all classes here,

as it is in other colleges, and most of the students, excepting those who take degrees, go home before Commencement day.

This year a fifth red letter day was added. On the 17th of October, Dr. Frank Strong was inaugurated as Chancellor of the University. For two years, on account of the resignation of Dr. Snow from the Chancellorship, the University has been in the hands of an acting president. Dr. Strong came to us from Oregon. Previous to his occupying the position of president of Oregon University, he was a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Yale. To Kansas he seems to have brought new life and spirit, and he has disseminated it throughout the student body. He is keenly interested in everything pertaining to university life. With his coming a renewed interest in athletics and a renewed class spirit have sprung up. Dr. Strong has a personality that inspires with confidence not only the students but all who come in contact with him, and he has filled all with a determination to make the University of Kansas the best institution of the kind in the West.

Far above the golden valley
Glorious to view,
Stands our noble Alma Mater
Towering towards the blue.

Far above the distant humming
Of the busy town,
Reared against the dome of heaven
Looks she proudly down.

Greet we then our fostering mother
Noble friend so true;
We will ever sing her praises
Dear old K. S. U.

An Aspect of Industrial Work in the Northwestern University Settlement: A Child Study

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

—Wordsworth.

If we, who have the light places for our heritage could but put forward every energy in our earnest effort to give light in the dark places, there need be no self-reproach that "we lay waste our powers!" Here in the most congested portion of the slums of the great city of Chicago, in a close, over-crowded, foul-smelling room over a saloon, or in a dark cellar-way, we find our study. She may be a tiny, brown-eyed daughter of Italy, a fair-haired Swede, or a child from the land of the oppressed Pole. For here is a very Carnival of Nations — not in the gala-attire of a *fiesta*, but in the habits that accustom themselves to a crime and squalor that many of you are familiar with only through the pages of one or another of our monthly periodicals. In the midst of the meanest portion of this great district, you find the Northwestern University Settlement building, whose doors stand hospitably open from early morning until late at night. A band of efficient and faithful men and women make this their home, where they conduct the operations of the organization with an untiring energy which brings relief to vast numbers of poor and needy persons in the district of the Sixteenth Ward.

Daily classes are conducted for the youngest tots, and for girls between the ages of eight and twelve years, there are classes in sewing, drawing, and in all the branches of domestic science; while their elder sisters who work in the shops, attend evening classes in simple mathematics, history and English; these classes are taught by students of the University who gladly give an evening each week to this work. The classes in the simpler arts and crafts are en-

tirely conducted by the women of the University, and if one of you will step at random into one of the attractive club rooms, you will invariably see an enthusiastic, sweet-faced young girl wearing a fraternity pin, of such suspicious newness as to proclaim her a freshman, or you will find a more "grave and reverend" Senior. In either case she is sure to have a crowd of devoted children clinging to her skirts, while she good-humoredly threads very sticky needles and answers a thousand questions with the smile that endears "teacher," to this club of fifteen or twenty very promiscuously assorted urchins.

Somewhat over a year ago I undertook a "club" (they delight in that name, by the way), of most interesting, bright-eyed little girls. There were twenty-five in all, and they represented eight different countries of the old world, and as many creeds. My task was to teach them plain embroidery, that is, the outline-stitch, and to make button-holes; so that they were able to make attractive little articles for themselves. Through the courtesy of one of our large silk thread firms of Chicago, my silks were donated; as were the bright scraps of colored linen from which they fashioned small laundry-bags, pin-cushion covers, and plain doilies. I, and a sister Theta who assisted me, were ready for our little girls every Tuesday afternoon, when they came hurrying out from school with all the happy spirits and enthusiasm that my own small sister shows when the three o'clock bell rings. "What untamed little savages!" you might be prevailed upon to exclaim at first sight of these untidy, noisy, children. But after they enter the Settlement building they walk quietly enough up the handsomely polished stairway into the large coat-room, where they hang their wraps, and make themselves tidy. So by the time that they are ready to present themselves to "teacher," they are a more orderly little band; though my Swedish Alma shows evidences of hair hastily smoothed by means of an imitation shell side-comb set with gorgeous blue paste jewels which now protrudes from her shock of not-too-clean yellow locks. And Annie,

who delights in a queer foreign surname, has, like "Patsy" of dear immortal memory, executed a race-track of cleanliness around a much bedaubed and tear-streaked little countenance; having cleverly left the nose untouched and grimy, where it looks like the judge's stand — the darkened outer rim being the spectators, and the middle the race-track — clean and white, where the wash-cloth has left its noticeable mark. Then comes an hour of threading needles, fitting thimbles to tiny, grimy "middle fingers," straightening the thread that *will* knot even for careful Agnes, my *one* "American -girl," and the time flies so swiftly, and so happily, that we can hardly believe it five o'clock. Then chairs and tables are pushed against the wall, and the game is chosen that will end the day.

How I wish you might see them in their favorite game of "Boston!" A little noisy, and a little boisterous to those of us who must always mind our "p's and q's;" but after all a merry, laughing group of children who dart here and there in their efforts to dodge the unfortunate "it." But "all good things must come to an end," and so at last they troop away to put on caps and coats, and we all descend to the large entrance hall, where we say "good-bye, until next time." Sometimes my devoted band escorts me to my car, which is only two blocks distant, and there with due ceremony they see me on my way.

We nod and smile "good-bye" to each other, until the queer, jerky little cable-car carries me from their sight. And as I turn to look at the tired, worn woman sitting opposite me, her arms full of newspaper bundles, a thin shawl covering her gray head, I wonder wearily to myself if she is not the mother of one of my own girls perhaps. And the question that comes to me so often on this long homeward ride is answered.

Yes — it *is* worth while!

HELEN RUTH BALMER,
Tau.

The Mountain People

How many of our *Journal* readers know anything of the unique people—three millions of them—who live in Appalachian America, in “the Forgotten Region,” as it is sometimes called. Come into this beautiful mountain county, ride and jog about for a summer, study these people, visit their homes and live in their primitive life like unto that of a hundred years ago, if you wish to forget the hurry, worry and fatigue of the city life. In history, romance and real life they have a peculiar charm. They live in such a simple and primitive fashion that it is most refreshing to the women of to-day who lead the “strenuous life.”

Go among them for weeks; travel with them over their rough mountain roads; eat at their crude tables of their bacon, beans, corn-bread and soda biscuit; sleep in their cabin lofts and you will learn much to interest you and will make many friends who will be among those you cherish most. You will soon love their beautiful hills and will be lonely when away from them.

These millions of people are in our very midst, poor, ignorant, hopeless, helpless men, women and children; poor because they know not how to produce or accumulate; ignorant because of the meager opportunities for education or gaining knowledge; hopeless because they know not what to hope for; helpless because they know not how to improve their lot. For one hundred years these people lived untouched by progress or civilization. Throughout the history of our country these mountaineers have been of incalculable value, coming out in large numbers in time of the Revolutionary war, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, to fight for their country. Each time they proved themselves a hardy race in whom the supreme passion of life is loyalty to the Union.

But each time when the war was over they have gone back to their loved mountains, and to the little log homes. They have taken up life in the old way feeling neither progress nor civilization. They are a brawny, powerful people who may become a menace to our government unless we educate them and direct them aright. Many of our capitalists are going into their neglected region — building railroads and digging out and carrying away their fine coal beds; felling their timber and cutting it into lumber. Should these people see only this greed and get no compensation, they will fail to value progress and will rise in their might and become a dangerous element to our government.

The women are old at forty; toothless, wrinkled, tanned and care-worn, their hair sun-burned, thin and combed back in a most unbecoming fashion. It has never occurred to them to beautify their bodies. They have large families, cultivate the corn and tobacco and toil with no hope of bettering their condition. Among the younger people one finds bright minds, and an ambition to get an education. The schools last but a few months each year and the roads are so poor, almost impassable, that they afford little opportunity for these young people to reach the Mission schools that are being opened up here and there. I met boys who had walked one hundred and fifty miles to get to the school. The people have no money, and call themselves fortunate if they can pay fifteen dollars for a farm in three years.

Church going is the business and outside life of these mountain people. As one of the more intelligent women said, "There is too much preachin' and church-go'in' of the kind."

The mountaineer is naturally a religious being. He reads his Bible and studies doctrine and theology far more than the man of business or education. Many men, of many kinds, visit these forgotten people to offer them "spiritual food."

The ignorant men who find no other "calling or election sure" follow apostolic teaching, "take nothing for their journey, no scrip, no money in their purse." Among such are found those who boast while preaching "that they have no *l'arnin'* and thank God that they have never run up agin' a college wall." Again, men of fine talents and education come among these people, live among them and teach them.

There are many ways to go to "meetin'," but the most comfortable and convenient is to ride horseback or walk, because of the rough mountain roads. Prof. Frost, of Berea College says the mountain roads are the beds of streams. They are at least narrow ways made by chance through the forests, up the hills, down the hills and around the hills. The imagination cannot picture their beauty or roughness. Boulders, gulches and jumping-off places are passed over with less thought than the holes of a poor city street. Mud holes hub deep and swollen streams that pour into the wagon bed are scarcely incidents to observe. All these hardships to the flesh make horse-back-riding the favorite mode of travel for men and women, and it is surprising to a novice how adept the mountain woman is in leaping from the ground into the saddle—either man or woman's saddle will do—taking baby, basket of eggs, brooms, bundles—in fact, any article she may need to carry. The baby will be her load as she goes to church—as the smallest member of the mountaineer's family goes to the meetin' either day or night. The church services are generally held in the school-houses. Many of these are but huts in the dense woods and by the rocky streams. Far from the outer world they seem to the stranger. These huts are either of logs or plank set up endwise. They are neither ceiled nor plastered, and have a few windows at each side. Long, hard benches, an old stove, with rusty pipe, a poor blackboard, a box of chalk and a crude table constitute the furnishings. Can one be inspired to such a scene and with such discomfort to think of God and worship in the highest sense? Yes. These simple people of the hills see not these

obstacles, and sing and worship, while the stranger gazes out on the grand hills and beautiful streams and "looks through nature and up to Nature's God."

There are rare spirits and great souls among this forgotten people, and to go to them with educational advantages and personal contact is a blessing to native and to stranger.

MRS. JOHN T. BARNETT,
Zeta Alumnae.

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Διαλεγόμεθα

Alpha Gamma's plea, in the January Journal, for the new girl in the Fraternity, finds response in one heart, at least. Eighteen years ago an unsophisticated maiden from an equally unsophisticated Mississippi village, was deemed worthy to be called a Theta. After one brief year of fraternity babyhood, with all the irresponsibility which the term implies, active fraternity life came to an end. Now, after an interval of seventeen years, she finds herself Corresponding Editor of Lambda Alumnae;—and yet it is in reality, only the interval which limits, as Theta is so remodelled in seventeen years that no previous experience or inexperience could count for much.

We of Lambda Alumnae after seventeen years absence, find Theta unchanged in its essentials. Its ideals are as of old; higher, there cannot be. To Thetas, Theta needs no eulogy. Let us *feel* and *live*, not *talk* merely, up to the standard. Words at their best, are pitifully poor.

We do find changed *details* in our organization, in which we rejoice. The weak places have been strengthened, the rough places made plain, and we feel all encouragement to believe that our Fraternity shall go on to blossom abundantly.

How is it that so often the thought that is to the front when we begin, is belated in escaping—at any rate, so it has been with me, for I was thinking when I took my pen, of the kind of words spoken to us of Lambda Alumnae, by the individuals and by the body of the Grand Council; also of the cordial welcome into the Fraternity, publicly given us through the Journal. Type cannot express the appreciation we feel—and our loyalty must be our response.

SARAH AMES WILLIAMS,

Lambda Alumnae.

Soon after becoming a Theta I was surprised to hear a man say that his fraternity life in college had meant more to him in after life than had his four years of college training. His Alma Mater ranks among the best, and as I was very new in the Greek world it seemed to me that my friend must be exaggerating the value of fraternity experience. However, he was a man past middle life, he had held a position of distinction for many years, and I considered his judgment good, so I decided to bide my time, and let Kappa Alpha Theta mean to me all she could and would.

President Hunt, of Denison, said what we have all found true: "The personal associations formed in college are the most permanent and influential of our lives," and of course our closest friends are within the fraternity. Together we have struggled hard, we have met success and sometimes defeat in working for our common ideals.

While teaching for a year, a thousand miles from my native heath, I met several Thetas; they are choice, strong women, I was proud to have them call me sister, and their cordial welcome did much to drive away that *lonely feeling*. By the way, if you know of any teacher in your neighborhood who has gone away from her home to teach you may be almost certain that she is sometimes homesick, and if you can show her a bit of hospitality you will be a good Samaritan. Most teachers are not sought out and entertained in a strange city.—The dear sisters in my own chapter when bereavement came to me took me into their hearts and lives, and made life seem worth living again.

Our alumnae chapter is a continuous satisfaction. At each meeting I feel that I renew my youth! May it never be required of me to say to which I owe the greater debt of gratitude, to my Alma Mater or to dear old Theta, and may I always be a loyal daughter to both!

ALICE WADSWORTH,
Delta Alumnae.

An editorial in the last "Journal" contains a suggestion

which deserves more emphasis. The writer warns the fraternity girl against the dangers of selfishness in fraternity life. There seem to be two aspects of this tendency to be found in the girl who lives in the chapter house and in the town girl. Both types have their root in that unconscious selfishness which is characteristic of all youth, and do not necessarily prove the fault without remedy.

In general, fraternity selfishness shows itself in lack of interest in outside things, lack of class and college spirit, and lack of appreciation of the real nobility of character to be found in non-fraternity girls. It is often the case that a new girl receives her impression of university life during the rushing season. Almost without exception the girls she meets are fraternity members, all interested in giving her a good time, and naturally she comes to associate all that is pleasant in college life with the chapter house and its girls. Of course she meets non-fraternity students in her classes but the chances that she will form strong friendships with them, are few. The girl who is wise and wishes to get the most out of her university life will not include in her circle of friends only her fraternity sisters, but will look also for attractive girls outside. If members would do this the strongest criticism of the "barbs" would be removed, and they could not call the fraternity girl selfish and snobbish. The few exceptions one always finds to this general rule, that is the few girls who find delightful friendships among outside university girls, only prove that such friendships are possible and beneficial to both sides.

Of rather another type is the tendency to selfishness as found in the town girl. She also, after her rushing season, too often limits her friends to fraternity girls, but living as she does at home, she has her early friends of high school life who often outlast the rush of the new life at the university. Her danger lies rather in the divergence of her interests from the chapter life, for the fraternity may not mean so much to her as to the girl away from home. To her the argument "for the sake of the fraternity" may not seem so

conclusive. Necessarily she is not in the atmosphere of the fraternity as much as the girls in the chapter house, who see each other constantly and find more chances to talk with each other than with the town girl whom they may see only in glimpses between classes or at the weekly meeting. It is always a pity to find a chapter divided with marked emphasis into town and house members. Here again, as in the case of the larger fraternity and non-fraternity question, there must be more insistence on the common interests. The house members often feel their town sisters do not care enough for the house itself. It is hard to make those who are not there often feel that the chapter house represents the whole fraternity. As was suggested at the beginning this selfishness is usually unconscious, and, if her eyes were opened to its evils, either the town or the house girl would condemn it.

Perhaps one who is no longer an active member of a fraternity appreciates the danger of divided interests and limited vision in a fraternity more keenly than one in the rush of the life and thus blinded to the wider outlook. To such a spectator there comes a feeling that fraternity girls must be made to see what they miss by narrowing their lives. A university course means much or little to a student according to his or her way of looking upon life. A graduate is not educated because he has three degrees, for it is a trite saying that education is in knowledge of men as well as books. Mingling with life outside a university is the real test of an education. If a girl has been made narrow and has not learned to find the best in people, whether fraternity or non-fraternity, she certainly will need to change her standards or else not get the most in life for herself or be able to give happiness to others.

BERTHA PILLSBURY, 1895.

The Fraternity's Right to Existence—

How often, as we leave college, full of enthusiasm for our fraternity, are we confronted with this question from

outsiders — "But what good does your fraternity do?" For a moment we look at the questioner in surprise, then realize that, of course, she cannot know what Theta has meant to us, she has not lived through those four years of college life, made richer and fuller through Theta love, nor has she experienced in the years that follow college days those fraternity ties that bind us always to our college home, — that assure us always a welcome there, even years later when all those we knew in college days are gone.

As these thoughts come to us, one by one, we try to put in words, the countless blessings that Theta has been to us. We tell of the happy home life that it offers to girls leaving home, perhaps, for the first time; of the sisterly and even motherly love and sympathy that constantly surround her; of the numerous advantages she derives from the broad field of fraternity life itself: living in the same house with a dozen girls of different dispositions and temperaments, yet always one happy family, because each learns to put self aside for the sake of the common good of all; acting as hostess for this large family where the students and faculty, perhaps, are guests; attending fraternity meetings, whose order would put to shame some of our brothers; managing the finances and other business affairs of the fraternity; yes, even becoming master of the kitchen, to lay before an assembly of forty or fifty people, a meal fit for any crowd of hungry college girls; preparing banquets and acting as toastmasters — in fact — entering all the various fields of life. We tell finally of friendships, dearer than life itself, stronger than death.

Sometimes after answering all this, which we feel does not tell half the story, we are then asked — "But, what good does all this do for the world?" I think, then, we are right in answering — "It depends on what you call good." We are not an association of charity, we are not doing much good for the world, if good is to be measured in dollars, or in charity work of the settlement kind. Yet, in the broadest sense of the word, could we well do more than by making

each member most helpful to the world? A nation is great and good, as far as its citizens are noble and loyal, and the world is surely stronger and better for each true woman that Theta sends out more fully equipped to carry out her mission in life.

JANE V. POLLACK.

For a Broader Fellowship—

One of the chief charms of fraternity life to the girl just entering college is the fact that she may become a member of an organization which does not include everyone—that she may be counted among a select few who have interests in common. The groups of girls who form fraternity chapters, generally cherish the idea that the chapter must be kept small; that only the finest girls in college must be chosen for membership, that the group may be select. Now this spirit is a natural one arising from an innate desire in each and every one of us to be at the top, and moreover it is a necessary spirit to retain within the chapter if we would keep our standard of membership high; and yet in that very spirit, I believe, lies our greatest danger.

While college is practically a little world within itself, in which many of the problems of life are presented in miniature, yet the actual living in the big world where the problems assume mammoth proportions, is apt to alter our ideals and theories. Considering fraternity life then, retrospectively, it seems that the thing to guard against most is the aristocratic tendency of our organization. This spirit of exclusiveness is part and parcel of that which kept learning within the confines of the church for so many centuries; it is hand in glove with the spirit shown by the French nobility previous to the Revolution; it is the same sentiment as is shown in our own great centers of life, Washington and New York, where "high society" and the "four hundred" build their barrier walls of aristocratic pride. While there are none of us, probably, but would uphold democracy in theory, yet are we sure we are not tending to build up little aristocratic groups with this same spirit of exclusive-

ness? Still, I firmly believe that a broad democracy is thoroughly compatible with fraternity life.

Many things have been done in fraternities to guard against an aristocratic tendency. Membership in the more general organizations of college is encouraged, and evenings are set aside when those who are not fraternity members may be entertained at the chapter houses. These things are helpful in that they give us an opportunity to meet and appreciate those who are not "of us," and yet the secret of a broad fellowship lies less in the doing than the being. If there is the feeling of superiority in the heart it will be apparent in the manner, be the deeds what they may; and conversely, the real outreaching sympathy and fellowship is just as evident. We can not act democracy,—we must live it.

Our government was founded on democratic principles and our public schools and colleges are the direct offspring of those principles. Have we any right then, to introduce into these institutions a spirit which opposes to any degree, the ideal of equality. Let us be sure our fraternities are developing women who will have a broad fellowship for all, rather than those who shall hold themselves aloof with a feeling of superiority—for they know not what. Let our fraternities teach us to recognize the true manliness in the men, the real worth in the women irrespective of class or circumstances; and may the two brothers, fraternity and equality, go hand in hand.

LOUISE R. GIBBS, Eta.

Delta Alumnae.

EDITORIALS

The Grand Convention which will be held this summer is already the topic of conversation in many chapters. It is not too early for every chapter to have this matter in mind. The official delegate should be chosen now, that she may inform herself on the chapter's attitude on important matters that will come up for discussion and final settlement. Great care should be taken in the selection of this delegate. It has sometimes happened that a chapter has been represented by a girl who was chosen, because she was the most popular girl in the chapter and not because of her special fitness for the work before her. The chapters are judged largely by their representatives and each chapter should see to it that its delegate is a *worthy* representative. Select the girl who is clear-headed; the girl who can think on her feet and give expression to her thoughts; the girl who knows what that chapter wants and is able to state her position; the girl who will bring the *most* to the chapter from the convention. Let this delegate begin her work now. Let her note carefully every point that seems to the chapter to be a weak place in the working of our organization and let us strive to make our business methods as perfect as possible. Not only every delegate but every member of the fraternity should aim to understand our business organization and by careful attention to details to keep the machinery running smoothly. Woman's lack of appreciation of business methods has long been a cause for reproach and to the college woman pre-eminently comes the opportunity to remove this charge. She it is who has many and varied advantages and it becomes her duty as well as her pleasure to inform herself on the principles of parliamentary usage. To adopt and to follow business methods in her dealings in little matters will be invaluable to her, not only while she remains in col-

lege halls, but in her after life. If each chapter must be judged by its delegate let us have delegates who truly *represent* the chapter — delegates well informed as to the opinions and desires of the chapter and delegates who are active and wide-awake.

Alumnae chapters! How much has been said on this subject, and yet we feel that every new alumnae chapter is a cause for rejoicing and congratulation. Does it not mean that to another group of earnest women in the world the bond of Theta is as strong as in the dear old college days and that Theta ideals are just as lofty to the mature woman as to the girl just developing into womanhood?

It is another link in the long chain of testimony that fraternity is indeed *worth while*; that friendships formed in the college halls are best and sweetest and truest. Most college women are women of affairs, members of clubs, or settlement workers and in all the various phases of life that present themselves every day, one is associated with dozens of women of noble purpose and high ideals — but the association is not the same. The fraternity bond of sympathy and understanding is lacking. Our Theta alumnae who have not the opportunity of occasional glimpses into the chapter circle or the privilege of meeting with our organized alumnae often feel that the fraternity is growing away from them. It is possible for these people to keep in touch with the fraternity world through the pages of the Journal. We want you to feel that you *still* belong to us as much as you did when you took an active part in the affairs of your chapter. Let us feel your interest. Let us hear from you through these pages and let us help to keep your heart young and your interest in Theta's welfare as much alive as in the days of old.

It is with pleasure that we welcome another group of loyal alumnae to our chapter roll. Mu Alumnae Chapter was established in Cleveland, Ohio, February 2d, 1903.

We have been asked to say a word on the desirability of the initiation of the "special student." By "special" student we mean the girl who comes to college with no definite aim in view. She has come as a matter of course, because all of her friends were coming. She takes as little college work as possible and studies the catalogues to find subjects which require little effort of mind and the least possible time for preparation. The greater part of her energies is devoted to having a "good time." She is pretty, attractive, a social favorite and may be a desirable girl in many ways, but is it best for a chapter to give to this girl the privileges of membership in the fraternity? Her college life is without an aim and her college work is done of course in an aimless fashion. It is the rule that such girls do a very inferior quality of work. Can any chapter afford to stand for this?—Can any chapter afford to stand for anything less than the highest scholarship before the college world? After a year or two our "special" student drops out of college—she has been of no real value to the chapter. Her college career has been so short that she has not realized what she has missed and her chapter means little more to her than a social club. Is not a chapter weakened immeasurably by such members? Can any chapter afford to risk its future by the initiation of this unsubstantial type of college girl? As one writer has put it she "has been to college" but she is not a "college woman." She has "joined a fraternity" but she is not a "fraternity woman." She certainly is not the type of true womanhood that Theta stands for and has no place in Theta's ranks. We cannot always find our material ready-made but we can exercise a little more care in the selection of members. We owe this to the fraternity at large, and let us endeavor to keep our rolls free from this type of unsubstantial college girl.

The attention of the corresponding secretaries is called to the alumnae subscription blanks that were mailed to each

chapter some time ago. It was deemed wise by the Council to send these blanks to the chapters for distribution among their alumnae. The interest of the alumnae in the Journal has been increasing. The alumnae subscription list has more than trebled itself within the past year, but this is not entirely satisfactory. We want our publications to reach as many of our alumnae as possible and solicit the assistance of the active chapters and particularly the aid of the corresponding secretaries in this matter. Will you see to it that these blanks are forwarded to the alumnae of your chapter who do not subscribe to the Journal? Many of your old members are probably waiting to have the subject mentioned to them.

Alumnae Department

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The year of 1902-1903 has brought us numerous losses, but our gains outnumber them, so that we gradually grow in strength.

The College Woman's Club of Los Angeles holds its monthly meeting and luncheon the first Saturday of each month, and many of us of Iota there enjoy the general fellowship of college women from all sections of our land.

Then, at half-past two, every loyal adherent of the "Kite" finds her way to our regular place of meeting, the "Board" room in the Y. W. C. A.'s quarters. Each program is in charge of a leader and committee, and the discussion is made as general as possible. Thus each of our Journal correspondents may rest secure in the knowledge that she will voice no personal fancy, but the concensus of opinion of the whole chapter.

December brought us happy glimpses of girls from our two western chapters, and we were gladdened by the presence among us, for a short time, of Maryline Barnard, Phi 'OI, who had but recently returned from a year's stay in Honolulu.

Our share of Theta's new song-books is at hand, and we are anticipating an opportunity soon to sing them together.

ETA ALUMNAE, BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Since the publication of the last journal the annual election of officers has taken place, with no changes except Miss Martin as president and Miss Sarah Brownell as vice president. We consider ourselves very fortunate in adding a new name to our chapter, Mrs. Robinson, a Cornell Theta.

The active chapter gave a very pleasant reception to Mrs. Robinson and the alumnae at the fraternity rooms.

At the home of Miss Boynton, January 24th, the first in the series of monthly meetings was held, Mrs. Hall and Miss Boynton being hostesses. Much amusement was afforded by a half hour of swapping parcels brought by the different guests, the articles ranging from the worn-out covers of a Harvard note book to a hand-painted shirt waist set. At the close of the fun dainty refreshments were served.

During the month of February the alumnae are to give their annual banquet to the active chapter at their rooms.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

On their return to college after the Christmas vacation Iota girls were greeted by the jingle of sleigh bells, and dreams of skating and sleighing parties floated before them. An immense toboggan had been built on the edge of Beebe Lake, and for many days it has been the scene of much fun. Examination time came all too soon and serious work took the place of fun. Now we are resting before the advent of Junior Week.

Junior Week is our great week of rejoicing after the tedium of examinations. On Tuesday evening the Masque presents "Trelawny of the Wells," which is followed by several fraternity dances. On Wednesday evening the Sophomore Cotillon occurs and on Thursday the Glee Club give a concert. Finally on Friday evening the Junior "Prom" occurs. Iota is very proud of her three Masque girls and anticipates much pleasure in seeing them in their "professional" capacity.

At present we have made no particular plans for the winter. In the spring we hope to receive a visit from Grace Northrup whom we have missed from our circle this year, and then we shall probably enjoy some little festivities.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

On the evening of January tenth Lambda issued two more invitations and now we can introduce to you our "pledglings," Mary Louise Wheeler and Ruth Person Bond, both of this city. By the time this letter reaches you we hope that they will be wearing the kite.

We are rejoicing too, in the fact that we have gained a new Theta among the Faculty ladies. Professor Robinson has very recently come here, in the Department of Engineering, and you can imagine how delighted we were to learn that Mrs. Robinson is a Theta from Cornell. On Saturday afternoon, December sixth, we gave a very informal tea for her in our room so that she might know all the Thetas here, both alumnae and active.

One Saturday afternoon, a short time before the Christmas vacation, Mrs. Buckham entertained all the college girls at her home and during the afternoon Mrs. Robinson told us something of the life at Cornell and Mrs. Eaton, a graduate of Radcliffe, spoke to us of that college.

On Saturday afternoon, January seventeenth, our alumnae entertained us with a "swap party" at the home of Miss Boynton, and certainly it was no exception to the royal good times which we always enjoy on such occasions.

On January twenty-seventh, although we were in the midst of our examinations, we felt that we must celebrate our anniversary, in some way, and the chapter assembled as the guests of the Seniors, to read from the Journals some articles on the founding of the Fraternity, drink tea, and enjoy a general social time for an hour.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Mu has recently initiated three girls. They are Edna Gailey, Enon, Pennsylvania; Gertrude Roberts, Buckhannon, West Virginia; and Martha Gaston, Meadville, Pennsylvania. All of the girls declared that the initiation was the most impressive one that we have had for a long time.

We celebrated the fraternity birthday by a supper in our rooms, followed by an informal toast list. Four alumnae girls, Emma Edson, Grace Jenks, Ethel Odell and Claribelle Wilkins were with us. They told us stories of the life of the fraternity, a few years back, and increased our interest in our old girls.

We gave a Valentine party at the home of Gertrude Harper. Each guest was sent to an improvised post office, where he received a true description of himself.

The great centre of college interest this term, is basket-ball. Our team has won every game, so far. We are to meet the University of Pennsylvania team soon and are confident of success. The girls of the college have also taken an unusual interest in basket-ball this year, and have played several inter-class games.

Our Glee Club concert, one of the most important affairs in our winter calendar, was a great success.

We truly appreciate the fact that the winter term is the time for good hard study and are trying to make the most of it.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

"Grinding. Positively no admittance," has been posted on the door of each girl's room for the past two weeks during examination time. After having discharged the contents of our overloaded brains into six or eight examination-books, for bewildered professors to con over, the natural reaction has set in. Coming festivities in the shape of the Senior Ball and the Glee Club Concert, rule the day.

The faculty have adopted a new system of marking this year which is causing some comment. Heretofore, the examination marks, properly graded, have been posted in the halls soon after examinations. Then each student received a number corresponding to his or her name, approached the bulletin board and read the fate thereon, which consisted of a number of grades ranged opposite the number of each name. This year no grades are to be issued until the end of the year. A student failing to pass an examination, is notified. Otherwise, there is no knowledge of the grade attained until the end of the college year.

We regret that two of our girls, Maude Millington and Gertrude Kemp, have been obliged to drop out of college and fraternity life for a while; the former on account of

an injury received in a coasting accident and the latter because of illness.

Kappa Alpha Theta's thirty-third birthday found us in the midst of preparations for examinations so that we did not have much time for celebration. Our chaperon, however, presented us with a huge birthday cake and we spent a pleasant hour at the table singing the songs so dear to every Theta's heart.

Chi hopes in her next letter, to be able to introduce her initiates to the college world.

BERTHA V. KNAPP.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The event of greatest interest to Alpha Beta since our last letter, was the annual banquet on December tenth at Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pennsylvania, where we were the guests of Mrs. Isaac H. Clothier. There were forty Alpha Betas present, and also Mrs. Joseph Swain of Beta. Anna Walton Waters, '02, acted as symposiarch. The following are the toasts responded to:

"Greeting" — Caroline Clothier, '03.

"In the Good Old College Days" — Elizabeth Booth Miller, '96.

"Thetas, Old and New" — Caroline Sargent Walter, '96.

"Mixed Pickles" — Lydia Williams Roberts, '97.

"I am a peevish student, I;

My star is gone from yonder sky,

I think it went so high at first,

That it just went and gone and burst."

May Katharine Flannery, '01.

"We are Seven" — Marguerite Campion, '04.

The much dreaded mid-year examinations have but just passed, and the opening of the second semester finds us hard at work again upon the old routine. Kindest greetings to all of every chapter,

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

If there were ever such a proverb "Be busy and you will be happy" and that proverb were true, we at the Woman's College could say that we are extremely happy.

The most important and pleasantest of all our doings since the holidays is that we have pledged two freshmen, Lois Hill and Jess Hutchinson, whom, before very long we hope to introduce as Theta sisters. Besides this all important event our college has had a visit from Hamilton Wright Mabie. On the afternoon of January twentieth he gave us a most interesting and characteristic lecture on Books and Authors. In the evening he dined at Fensal Hall, the place which the Baltimore Thetas call "home," and after dinner there was a delightfully informal reception in his honor. Some of us were so greatly fascinated that we sat up until "early hours" reading in the "Forest of Arden."

With January came one of the most important events of our college year, the inter-class and championship Basketball games. We sometimes feel a little envious when we hear of the inter-collegiate Base Ball and Foot Ball games which take place at other colleges but I'm sure that there is almost, if not quite, as great a display of enthusiasm and good cheer at our class games as there could be anywhere. And our team dinners and spreads can not be equaled in the prevailing spirit of good fellowship. Especially when one's own team has the championship or came near getting it. You know how consoling it is to say "we would have won if —."

Of course, along with the good times has come the usual amount of January work, which it is so hard to find time for. I wonder if we all don't have to stop, sometimes, and ask ourselves whether we came to college to work or play. I wish in all our learning we might learn how to play and then it would not be nearly so hard to work.

Alpha Delta sends good wishes to her Theta sisters.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Since the last chapter letter, Alpha Epsilon has been leading a life of mingled pleasure and hard work. The pleasure began on the night after Christmas, when the alumnae girls gave a very delightful german to the girls of the active chapter. A couple of weeks ago, the chapter was amused and pleased by little cards with the announcement "The Kittens at Home to the Kats on Saturday evening." When Saturday evening came, our seven Freshmen gave us the merriest evening imaginable, ending with a chafing dish supper after the games and music.

The fraternity meetings for the present are devoted almost entirely to studying for the examination. We took up history first, and now we are spending our energies on the constitution. The only other business that is allowed to come up is the preparation for our annual dance, which takes place February twenty-third.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD

At the close of this last week of the mid-years, all Barnard is drawing a sigh of relief. This is the breathing spell, the moment of rest and content when we look two ways calmly, backward over the tribulations of cramming, and forward to the pell-mell rush of Junior ball, dances and fraternity receptions during the coming two weeks.

Our own reception, on Monday, the ninth, commences the gayety. The guest of honor, Mrs. Haynes, nee Minna Gale of Booth and Barrett fame, has given us a charming program of recitation for an hour or so during the afternoon. The usual reception will follow. After the success of the experiment with Miss Herford last year, we are persuaded that the plan of bringing persons of public distinction into touch with our college friends and their surroundings, is by far more satisfactory to all concerned than any entertainment which we could plan and carry out by ourselves.

Very little has happened during the last two months to disturb the usual routine of college life. The only important occurrences have been sad ones. Mrs. Butler, the wife of President Butler of Columbia, and Abram S. Hewitt, one of the oldest and most venerated trustees of Barnard College, died within a few days of each other. Shortly before that, in fact just a few days before the Christmas holidays, there occurred the sudden death of Louise Brisbin Dunne, assistant in botany at college and formerly a member of Beta Epsilon of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

This closes the chapter of Barnard news: while our sympathy has gone out to those whom sorrow has touched deeply, and in particular to the members of Beta Epsilon of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we have been turning our faces towards the light, trying this winter harder than ever to attain some measure of our ideal chapter.

Beta District

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Our second term is always a rather uneventful one,—a rest between the Fall spiking excitement and the out-door life of Spring,—a time for hard work varied somewhat by skating or bob-sled rides. Of course we celebrated the thirty-third birthday of Theta on the twenty-seventh and invited in our many good friends among the women of Greencastle, some of whom could tell us interesting things of those first years of Theta's existence. Our last year's Seniors had not forgotten it but sent us a chair as a birthday present.

The anniversary is always an occasion of deep interest to us especially as we go over the past and realize that just here those four women began the fraternity which has meant so much to scores of women. As we realized again what a past was ours to live up to, we felt a new inspiration for the future.

Here's to Theta's prosperity for another such thirty-three years.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

These energetic winter days have been meeting us with all sorts of pleasant happenings. Somehow, the winter term at Indiana succeeds in living up to that ideal state of student existence where everything happens, everyone is busy and nothing is crowded out.

This year, Foundation Day was the occasion of more than the usual celebrations, and the holiday was extended another day. Besides the time-honored ceremonies and the dedication of Science Hall, there was the inauguration of our new president, Dr. Bryan, an event which every student at Indiana rejoiced to witness.

This year's student play, *"Much Ado About Nothing"* was given in the old Shakesperean way, without scenery or stage setting. One of our girls took the part of "Hero."

Among the many visitors in town for the inauguration were President and Mrs. Swain, of Swarthmore. It seems odd to say "of Swarthmore," for we cannot quite give up the idea that, somehow, Dr. Swain is our Dr. Swain. Of course, we of Beta chapter always claim Mrs. Swain.

We were delighted to have Mrs. Swain to ourselves for a little while. To hear her tell of Alpha Beta made the dear old kite seem a more precious emblem of our sisterhood. Perhaps it gave us a new glimpse of our common share in the ideal of all Thetas.

On the Friday afternoon before Theta's birthday, Mrs. Henry T. Stephenson entertained the chapter and the local alumnae. While we, the "active" members enjoyed ourselves cosily in the parlors, the alumnae, hidden away somewhere, were mysteriously busy with something — a very important matter, we were assured, but not for us to know yet; we would learn later, we were told, and our house manager looked wise and gave us solemn advice about patience. Next day, four new, and much needed, parlor chairs came to the house — a birthday gift from our alumnae.

Saturday, January 24th, we gave our birthday dinner. It was the second affair of the kind for Beta, but it is not

to be the last, for we have decided to make the birthday celebration annual. Besides our local alumnae, Alta Henry of Anderson, Emma Pearson and Edith McMasters of Indianapolis, were with us and helped make the occasion one of the happiest evenings of our Theta year.

Although we can boast of no glittering achievements of late, yet, with the prophetic vision of a house of our own somewhere in the possible future, and with a new range and a whole row of shining new pots and pans in our kitchen, we are coming to feel, more and more, like actual householders, and when our alumnae prophesy, what may we not hope!

This term, ten girls are living in the house. We miss Mae Netterville from the chapter this term, and also Anna Weir, who is not in college. Mary Moses, '02, and Ethel Rogers visited us for a few days.

Miss Paxton, of the Y. W. C. A. met the girls of all the fraternities at our house, one evening during her visit here, and spoke to us on fraternity problems. At Indiana, as everyone is glad to say, there is a genuine friendly feeling among the various women's fraternities.

Beta sends heartiest greetings to all sister chapters.

GRACE SMITH.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

No Letter.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

The first of February finds Wooster collegiate students pleasantly settled in the beautiful new recitation rooms of Kanke Hall, after being in temporary quarters in the Academy building since the opening of the fall term.

On the eleventh of December, the anniversary of the fire, the new University buildings were formally dedicated. Hundreds of guests were present from out of town. On the platform, on this occasion, were some of the most noted educators and prominent men in the country. Dr. Frank

Gunsaulus, president of Armour Institute, Chicago; Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve; President Moffat of Washington and Jefferson; President Eaton of Beloit; President Kettler of Grove City; Dr. Herrick Johnson, president of McCormick Theological Seminary; Professor Charles F. Mabery of Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland; Dr. A. W. Halsey and Dr. Charles L. Thompson of New York were among the number.

Epsilon is proud to introduce to you Grace Hunter, '06, of Buffalo, New York, who was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta on the night of January thirty-first. The initiation was held at the home of Mary Hauptert. Our resident alumnae were present, and after the service, they together with our pledglings joined with us in a spread and pleasant social time.

One of the finest entertainments ever given by Wooster students was the presentation of Shakespeare's tragedy of Hamlet in the city Opera House on the evening of the fifth of February. Two of the three women's parts in the play, were taken by Thetas. Epsilon had much reason to be proud of Esther Hemphill as Ophelia and Helen Weld as an actress.

Our resident alumnae are loyal Thetas and are much interested in the active girls. They have recently formed an organization and have made application for an alumnae charter.

Katherine Snyder, '03, was happy in being able to spend a day in Columbus on her return to school after the holidays, and enjoyed a delightful little visit with the girls of Alpha Gamma.

ETA CHAPTER—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Judging from the last Journal's letters many of the colleges have the three term year. For our sisters in all such institutions, we, of Eta, have a profound sympathy. For now *we* are "in the midst of examinations" and we find two such sieges in the course of the year all sufficient. I have

just come from the supper table where the subject of college work is tabooed but human nature is frail and the little box in the center of the table is rapidly gathering in the penny fines.

But even this all-important subject sinks into insignificance beside the Junior promenade or in college parlance the "J"-hop. Every express brings a new gown to somebody and all gather round to admire. House parties, drives and dances will be the order of the day and when it is all over the gay ones will be "tired but 'appy" in the language of the Cockney.

The holidays saw us scattered far and wide and it seems as if we were hardly settled again. We have used the new song book enough to find many good things and some that took us by storm. Many thanks are due those who have carried the undertaking to so successful a conclusion.

Jessie Harris entertained the chapter at her home one evening and in the midst of our chatter Una Palmer from her post by the mantel where she had been talking with Jessie suddenly exclaimed:

"Girls, A young Lochinvar has come out of the West
And of all maids finds our Jessie the best."

Needless to say, Jessie was immediately the center of a whirlwind.

FRANCES N. BOYNTON.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Just before the holidays the Music School gave its usual Christmas concert. Two of our Senior girls had important parts on the program. One of these, Madge Boaz, will be the first student to graduate from our University in pipe-organ, and we are very proud of her.

Recently a chapter of Chi Omega has been started in our University, and not long ago we entertained the girls at our chapter house with an afternoon card party. We found them delightful, and wish them all possible success. A new

local fraternity has also come into our college this year. These girls hope soon to become a chapter of one of the national fraternities.

The first of the annual fraternity dances was given by Beta Theta Pi, January seventh. Since then parties have been following each other in rapid succession, and our University life has been gay indeed. Theta's turn came January twenty-third, when she entertained about one hundred and fifty of her friends. We felt that our party was a success in every respect, but what we enjoyed most about it was having with us several of our alumnae whom we had not seen for months.

Every year our University Dramatic Club puts some play upon the stage. This year it has been working hard on Daly's, "A Night Off," which is to be given next week. One of our Thetas has a leading part in the cast.

Our chapter has recently become very much interested in basket ball and is organizing a team. We realize that this year we are rather late in beginning, but we hope to commence practice early next season, and make of ourselves a very creditable team.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE

Pi comes with a heart full of gratitude and cheer, for since our last letter, a great shower of blessings has poured down upon Albion and we know that this has only laid the dust and prepared the way for more. Owing to the untiring effort of our worthy President, Dr. Dickie, we have been freed from our debt of \$92,000, and our endowment fund has been raised. We enjoyed a jubilee banquet January 16th, and there were present Governor Bliss, who contributed so largely to the sum, also Dr. Berry and the presidents of several colleges in the state. On that day the hearts of Thetas and all other loyal students, were filled with pride, for we hope the day is coming when Albion shall rank with the universities, and we shall be able to realize our highest ambitions for it.

We are hard at work again for February is the best month in the whole year for study. The monotony of the routine was broken last week by a visit from Miss Simms from De Pauw. She is the state Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and has been holding a little series of meetings here. The Thetas were especially favored in having her with us at our meeting Saturday evening.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The college world of Lincoln is breathing a little easier now, for the much dreaded week of the semester examinations is a thing of the past. Our minds if not our bodies are undergoing the inevitable relaxation. This year the University is trying a new plan. The examinations are held in some big central place; that is, all classes, meeting at the same hour, are examined as far as possible in the same room.

On December the sixth, at the home of Edith Robbins, we initiated Zola Dellecker.

Rho is particularly happy to introduce to Kappa Alpha Theta her newest pledge, Zora Shields, a graduate student and an instructor in the university. We wish you all could know her and rejoice with us.

Next week, February, the seventh, she will wear the kite for the first time. On the same night our annual banquet will take place. We are looking forward to this reunion that means so much to all of us. Perhaps there is nothing that draws us closer together than this meeting with girls who have made us what we are and whose work we are carrying on.

In December a Pan-Hellenic meeting was held. I think, every fraternity woman was benefited by the earnest talks that were given. There was the utmost fairness in the discussions. Both sides of every question were presented. It was the general verdict that while no cut and dried rules could be laid down to regulate rushing, the only way to remedy this evil was to improve the fraternity spirit.

NELLORE WILSON.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The "busy" sign hangs upon every door at Northwestern, for the mid-years are upon us, and Seniors and Freshmen talk only in the mysterious *jargon* of examination week. Even the frivolous sisters whose heads are more than half full of dreams of the Junior Prom., are toiling with "the faithful" that all may come out with flying colors to the glory of Northwestern and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Since our last chapter letter, Ruth Kimball has left us to attend Burnham School at Northampton, Massachusetts, and the last days with us, were busy with farewell "spreads" to our popular Ruth.

Two weeks ago we initiated Florence Jenkins of the Freshman Class and this addition, with one pledge in college, numbers us fourteen active members.

We are very grateful for our new song books, for we spend our gayest hours with the new songs for an inspiration. We appreciate the labor which Miss Baldwin was willing to give for our pleasure.

Tau sends greetings.

HELEN RUTH BALMER.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Upsilon has begun the year in something of a whirl—a mild and harmless sort of whirl however. There have been two Theta weddings, since the first of January, and that means luncheons and showers of course. On the ninth we gave our own annual dancing party. During the Christmas vacation all the girls who were in town were entertained by Grace Lavayea one afternoon in her pretty home, and at an evening chafing dish party by Jane Bennett. Ruth Haynes surprised the girls at chapter meeting one afternoon with a little buffet luncheon. Last of all has been the Junior Ball which has kept the whole university in a ferment for weeks. A philosopher might think it odd that so much excitement and preparation should precede a single even-

ing's dancing. But we are not philosophers, at least not all the time, so we feel that the Junior Ball was worth every bit of it.

Three of the girls have left college this semester. Katherine Bailey is in California recovering from a serious illness. Harriet Watson is teaching school in a small town near here. Agnes Glessner has given up her college work in order to give all her time to her work at the art school.

Upsilon girls have had something to do besides "whirl," of late. Term examinations came in the middle of January. Then there were new classes to get used to, at the beginning of this term. Now we are trying to collect our thoughts for the fraternity examinations.

RUTH LEONARD, '04.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

February is here, and finds Psi's girls in the midst of mid-winter examinations. It finds every other chapter in the same position, no doubt, but we think we have one advantage. When we grow tired of studying or have just finished a particular hard examination, each girl takes her skates and starts for the Ice Fete. Never has skating been more popular in the University than this year. 'Tis true the lake has always offered opportunities for enthusiasts, but the Ice Fete, with its music, hot lunches, and tents to get warm in, is sufficient to entice everyone who owns or can borrow a pair of skates. The Fete is given by the women of the faculty and the wives of faculty men to raise money for the Woman's Building and is proving a great success. Considerable interest has been shown both by the men and women in "hockey" and other games held on the ice.

One movement which is being started among the girls and which promises to promote much interest and healthy rivalry among the sororities here, is the proposition to have inter-sorority basket ball games. Each class in the University boasts its basket ball team, and there seems to be plenty

of material in the different sororities to make good teams. We are lucky enough to have one member on the Junior team and two upon the Sophomore. The plan has met with general approval and the games in the spring will doubtless be exciting, to say the least.

To promote this athletic tendency, which is just now so strong among the girls, an Athletic Association for girls, formed on the same basis and for the same purpose as that of the men has been formed in the University. The idea, which originated here, has already been taken up at Northwestern and Illinois Universities. The association is governed by a staff of officers, elected by the girls. Each girl in the University is entitled to membership in the association on the payment of a fee, which covers the expenses of all the exercises which the girls engage in in the spring, such as rowing, and bowling.

Last week the freshmen of Mu chapter of Delta Delta Delta received, January 24, for the Freshmen of all the other Sororities in the University.

We are all looking forward to the Junior Prom next week which always brings many of the old girls back to the chapter and so much gaiety to us all.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

It seems scarcely possible that it is time for the spring number of the Journal to go to press, that another school year is half gone, leaving us to console ourselves for the flight of the happy days, with the memories they leave us.

Alpha Gamma has the recollections of many good times this year to add to her store-house of memory's treasures. Nothing has happened thus far to mar in any way our enjoyment of a very successful year and, if there is a Patron Saint who plans happy times for college girls, he has surely been watching over all our undertakings by the light of a lamp which casts a very rosy glow over things.

An affair upon which this rosy light glowed particularly brilliantly was our celebration of the fraternity's anni-

versary. Epsilon Alumnae and Alpha Gamma met together on this day to pledge the health of the "maid with the deep black eyes and golden hair" on her thirty-third birthday. Almost forty girls were there with hearts full of gratitude to the four good women who first put the privileges of Kappa Alpha Theta within our reach.

Another bright mark on our calendar is the date of our annual reception and dance which was February sixth this year. It was given by both active and alumnae girls. February thirteenth is the date of the Junior Prom. and a number of the fraternities are planning affairs of different sorts. It seems that the studious turn of mind that has taken possession of the university students this winter to the exclusion of many social affairs is to have a slight reaction.

During the Christmas vacation we had a brief visit from Katherine Snyder, Epsilon '03. We have wished to know our Wooster neighbors better and were glad to have an opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas with one of them.

A very enjoyable affair that occurred recently was a reception given by the local chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma to the fraternity girls of the college. It was given for Miss Paxton, one of the secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., who was here at the time. Miss Paxton is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and gave us an extremely interesting talk on women's fraternities.

We enjoyed meeting Myra Davis of Delta who was in the company that played "The Storks" here recently.

MARY MACMILLEN LOREN.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

We of Phi chapter send greetings to our sister Thetas and wish them all joy and success in this New Year.

The year has started most favorably for us as all of our girls are back, and we have in addition two girls from

other chapters; Alice Meyer from Omega, has come here to take work this semester. We also have with us Frances Kerr, from Baltimore. She brings us news about our eastern chapters, and makes us feel more in touch with them. as does every girl coming out from the east. The other day we heard news of Chi chapter at Syracuse, through two of her members who made us a short visit. One of the things we have most appreciated here has been the coming of various Thetas from other chapters.

The dedication of the new Memorial church which we have anticipated for such a long time, is at last to take place on the twenty-fifth of this month. The church is almost completed, and is said to rival the European Cathedrals in beauty. The Reverend Heber Newton has come out to take charge of the services, and will conduct the dedication, in company with several other ministers of note. He will remain here permanently in charge of the church. Mrs. Stanford is at home now, and is personally supervising the arrangements for the dedication.

Last week we had the pleasure of hearing Booker T. Washington speak at one of our University Assemblies. We were all very much interested in hearing about his work, and the wonderful results he has accomplished in connection with the Tuskegee Institute. He showed very clearly and very forcibly what could be accomplished among the negro race under proper educational supervision, and with ordinary educational advantages. He is certainly doing a great work among his people.

We are happy in having our house filled, for the first time. There are eighteen girls in it now.

MABEL HELEN BAUM.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Once more we are back at college, after a delightful month at home. The usual round of activities has already begun, the lectures, the dances, the athletics.

The Associated Women Students' Day will be the 23rd

of this month. There will be a tennis tournament, basketball game, and other athletic contests. In the evening a "Colonial Assembly" will be given. This is an established custom that has been carried out each year by the women students with great success.

As University of California girls, we are proud to say that Professor Loeb has come to us from Chicago. The ground is now being broken for his laboratory, the gift of Mr. Spreckels. While Professor Loeb is on the coast, he will make original research in sea life at Santa Monica.

Last Saturday night we celebrated our birthday. It was a trifle late, but we always feel that our alumnae are a necessary part of the birthday festivities. We also had our mid-year initiation. Florence Wilson is now the fifth freshman who wears the kite. After our initiation and supper, the Sophomores gave their farce. I am sure they realized how much every one enjoyed it from the vigorous applause they received. For three years this has been our way of celebrating the birthday, and we find it exceptionally pleasant.

Now I must say a word about our district convention. Gamma District is at last to have a convention. All the Phi girls are coming up to Berkeley to be our guests for two days, February 13th and 14th. As there will be comparatively little business, we will spend most of our energies in becoming better acquainted. Perhaps in our next letter, we may be able to tell you something of our good times together.

We are sorry that Sina Smith can not share with us our active fraternity life. However we are glad that Eta has given us another good Theta sister.

PERSONALS

The marriage of Miss Grace Wilmarth Caldwell, Iota, '92, to Mr. George Ray Chamberlain, took place on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of January, in Sage Chapel, Ithaca, New York.

The engagement of Miss Nina Angell, Iota, '00 to Mr. David Roe of Ithaca, New York is announced.

Kittie L. Button, Psi, 1902, is spending the winter in California. During January she was entertained in Pasadena, at the home of Daisy Paota White, Psi, '99.

Ada Daniels, Upsilon, was married on January ninth, to Dr. Fred Huxley, Phi Delta Theta, '96. Dr. and Mrs. Huxley will live in Faribault, Minnesota.

Margaret Moore, Upsilon, '01, was married on the twenty-eighth of January, to Mr. Russel Spicer, Alpha Delta Phi, '96, of Wilmar, Minnesota.

Harriet Watson, Upsilon, ex-'03 is teaching in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

Katherine Bailey, Upsilon, ex-'05 is in Redlands, California for her health.

Clare Dovey, Rho, has given up her University work because of sickness.

Vallie Stuart, Rho, and Thomas O'Brien, were married in Axtell, Nebraska, December twenty-second.

Marie Nettleton, Rho, '06 has been called home.

Grace Young, Alpha Gamma, '99 visited in Columbus recently.

The engagement of Miss Marian Hanlon, valedictorian, '00, Albion College, and Mr. Howard Vananken, '01, Olivet is announced.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Maud Boonstra, ex-03, of the conservatory, to Mr. Earle Marshall, '01, Alpha Tau Omega.

Kappa Chapter has enjoyed visits from three of her alumnae this month, Rachel Pugh of Independence, Kansas, Laura Graham, of Peabody, Kansas, and Winifred Everingham, of Topeka, Kansas.

Helen Calhoun, Kappa, has finished her college course this term, and has returned to her home in Fort Scott.

Jennie Moore, Mary Barnette and Myrtle Baldridge, of Kappa, have been obliged to leave college on account of poor health.

Mrs. Gomer Thomas, nee Emma Barber of Kappa, '97 has a little daughter.

Dorothea Nourse is teaching in Platte City, Kans.

The alumnae of Eta are so rapidly changing their names that it is like a Chinese puzzle to keep track of them. Flora Goeschel on December 14, became Mrs. John J. Brewer and now comes the announcement of the engagement of Jessie Harris to Dr. Frank P. Bachman, Professor of Education in Ohio University.

A new Theta baby has come down to bless this old earth in the person of Elizabeth Thielen. Old friends will recognize this surname as belonging to Louise Harris.

Charlotte Wilhelm, Epsilon, '00, was married in October to Dr. C. L. Hopkins of Trenton, Missouri. It was a pretty church wedding.

Irene Flattery, Epsilon, '00, has recently removed from Wooster, Ohio, to Redlands, California, where she is teaching in a private school.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Elizabeth Kathcart, Epsilon, ex-'01, Vassar '02, to the Rev. Marshall Harrington, Princeton '99.

Mrs. Anna Yergin Kenty, Epsilon, ex-'99 has been visiting her Theta sisters in Wooster. Mr. and Mrs. Kenty will hereafter reside in Lisbon, Ohio.

Frances Arnold, Alpha 1900, was married January 26, to Mr. Kripps of Rushville, Illinois. After April 1, they will be at home in Rushville, Illinois.

Miss Anne M. Larry, Alpha Epsilon, and Freeman Putney, Jr., Phi Delta Theta, were married January 7, 1903.

Ethel Hendrickson, Woman's College 1901, is visiting Bonnie Marshall ex-1901, at her home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Virginia Baker Norris, Woman's College, 1901, is teaching at the Samuel Ready School in Baltimore.

Mary Porter Boss, Woman's College, 1902, has been teaching in the Allegheny High School.

Caroline Clothier, Alpha Beta '03, gave a dinner dance at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pennsylvania, on New Year's Eve, in honor of the Alpha Beta Chapter.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Mary Schofield Ash, Alpha Beta ex-'97 to Mr. Herbert Jenkins, of Philadelphia.

Caroline Clothier, Alpha Beta, '02 left college February 5th, to go abroad with her parents, and sister Lydia, Alpha Beta ex-1900. President and Mrs. Joseph Swain sailed with them.

The engagement of Katherine A. Brundage, Chi, ex-'04 to Walter Clark Deane, is announced.

May B. Baker, Chi, '03, is spending Junior week at Cornell, Ithaca.

Suzanne Sands, Alpha Delta, ex-'02, is visiting friends in Syracuse.

Mrs. Charles Walch, Chi, '97 has returned from Europe.

Cora Soper, Chi, '02, is teaching Greek and Latin at Gouverneur, New York.

Mabel Brownell, '01, has returned home from her trip abroad and is taking Miss Sherburne's place as teacher of Greek in the Edmunds High School.

EXCHANGES

"FORTUNATE was Marcus Aurelius Antonius, who, in early youth, was taught 'to abstain from rhetoric and poetry, and fine writing' — especially the fine writing. Simplicity is art's last word."

Thus writes Thomas Bailey Aldrich, by way of a curt criticism of those newspaper men and magazine contributors who think they must needs clothe simple and direct thoughts in a gaudy dress of florid rhetorical figures. The criticism may be taken to heart by every writer for Fraternity magazines, and every contributor to THE CADUCEUS in particular. Speaking personally, we say with earnestness that entirely too much sophomore effusiveness regularly finds its way to the Editor's table. The Chapter correspondent who has a half-page assortment of interesting events to tell about should relate them in half a page of simple and excellent English. The contributor who has some good, practical ideas for Fraternity advancement should set them forth in such a manner that they will not be straggling through a tediously long article, lost in "*the exuberance of the writer's verbosity.*"

There is no reason why a magazine for which every page is written by a college man should not make some pretension to literary precision, if not to say unusual literary excellence. Nothing will more clearly indicate the kind of scholarship abroad in Kappa Sigma than the style of the articles and Chapter letters that will appear in THE CADUCEUS. The editor has faith in the scholarship of his brothers, and he proposes to try to make them give an outward and visible sign of its broad extent during the next two years. Let everyone remember, then, that articles and Chapter letters must measure up to a fair standard of English composition hereafter, or else they will be consigned to the waste basket.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.

The Charm of the College Girl—

The sweet freshness, the charming truth, the beauty and graciousness of the young college girl—these will never cease to stir and inspire the undergraduate as something even truer and deeper than the power of his books and lectures; and certainly no alumnus, however grey or old in a hopeless bachelorhood, will ever forget her, God bless her, and her glorious presence which, though it has long since passed into the mystery of unrecorded years, is now, as it was in those brave days of his youth, the one presence that was altogether sweet and true, tender and helpful. And you, man and maid, who have found in your college days the priceless secret of life's meaning and have gone out together into the world's struggle and into the world's joy and into the world's service, I charge you to be grateful, not so much for your degrees of scholarship as for your certificates of marriage. Because after all education is not something which one may gather up and hide and lock away in iron chest like a miser's gold. Education is life. It is truly an adjustment of one's life to its environment to the end that it may be strong and self-masterful and happy; and I believe, with all my heart, bachelor though I be, that love, in the hearts of a man and a woman will do more than any other thing in the wide world to make them strong and masterful and happy.

So, my young men, take heed of your fair opportunity, during your glorious college time, to worship at the feet of some high souled woman. Roll away from the shrine of your heart the stone of selfishness and give to her in unmeasured prodigality the truest devotion of your knightly chivalry. Count it the one superlative joy of your life to walk with her along the opulent pathway of youth and to catch from the rich melody of her heart the fullest notes of hope and courage and power. Be grateful to the last day of your life that you had among the elective courses of your college

curriculum the companionship of the American college girl, than which there is no nobler type of American womanhood.

WALTER J. SEARS,
in the Delta of Sigma Nu.

The Societies at Hamilton—

There are eight, namely the Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi and the Emerson Literary Society, established here in the order named. There is now living but one graduate who was here prior to the beginning of the associate life thus represented. Hamilton owes much to the influences and traditions of these groups. They are a part of her being and growth. They are a part of her well-being. Nine-tenths of our graduates are numbered on the rolls of these organizations. They go far to make a bond of union which transcends the mere accident of class, and they furnish a living warp upon which each successive College generation is the woof.

They imply those various elective affinities which inevitably consort men everywhere according to their tempers and tastes. In the few American colleges where there are not such societies men are grouped inevitably by the same natural processes of distribution and alignment which these sundry knots of men do not create but simply recognize and formulate. The societies are the families of our College community.

They foster compactness among the men and stimulate an emulation that is both reasonable and useful. If at times they have been rivals beyond the bounds of good taste and good sense, this has tended to correct itself and in the long run has done so. There have always been some and always will be some to whom this close association does not appeal. For various reasons some men prefer not to enter into these partnerships. They are not constrained nor is their status before the College impaired. Inside or outside it must be

the man that counts. In ordinary cases one will find benefit in such membership.

It may be easily understood that the aims and methods of such bodies cannot greatly vary. Under whatever incidents of phraseology the intrinsic things are friendliness, fellowship, responsibility, and cooperation. It may well be imagined that, couched in the terms of endeared dialect, the counsels of the ever returning graduate members, in whatever crowd, urge the same essential thing of manly ambition, of high living, of faithful work, and of an uninvincible loyalty to the College as a total and unit.

A strong feeling of continuity is fostered and the opinion of the graduates is a constant control and stimulation. The genius of all these groups is instinctively patriarchal. And not only so but the strong hand of upperclassmanship is cognate with this in molding and guiding the ideas and behaviors of the younger men. It is a big-brotherly relation full of frank monition and excellent encouragement. When a man is crooked and shiftless it is in spite of these influences.

It is not true and never can be that all the best fellows in College at a given time belong to any one Society. Sel-dom can it be true that each one has not men who would be welcome members of any one of all the other crowds. The man who thinks that he can afford to neglect the warmest relation possible for him to achieve to any good fellow anywhere in College is too simple to be of the highest credit to his own clan. If he yields to this folly he some day will repent with self-disgust.

It is not asserted that there are no disadvantages in this system, nor that there is nothing left to desire in its operation: but it is past denial that its excellent advantages are many and are decisive in its favor.

Mistakes are made: but the adjustments are almost sure. It is a wholesome thing for any man to feel that he represents others,—*esprit de corps* is a valid appeal to honor and duty. A larger number of life-long friendships are made in

College by this use. The freshman who closes his lips and trusts his eyes quite as much as his ears, and waits until he knows what he wants, will ordinarily find himself comfortable at last. At this writing there is not one of these groups in this College whose aggregate influence and total trend is not wholesome and steady.

— *The Hamilton Record*.

Fraternity men are never found ready made, and the best of new material requires further attention on the part of the older men. A college man is more plastic in his freshman year, and impressions received at this period are often the permanent hall mark of the man. Let the leaders of the chapter do all in their power that in the case of each of these new brothers the future fraternity valuation shall be 'sterling.' Each chapter will have its own methods of dealing with its freshmen and it is not our intention to recommend details of discipline. Only let the object be to produce men of chapter and fraternity value and Delts of life-long loyalty.

While training freshmen along chapter and fraternity lines, the importance of college and class-room standing should never be lost sight of. Unless a man maintains a degree of scholarship that will at least retain for him the privilege of college attendance, and therefore continued chapter membership, his value to the chapter ceases at once. It is a personal kindness to a freshman and a direct chapter duty for the older men to supervise the college work of their new brothers. Aim to make the new brothers not only good chapter men, but good fraternity men as well. See to it that their fraternity horizon is a broad one. Instruct them first of all in fraternity principles, history and peculiar form of government. Compel them to know the chapter roll thoroughly, not only the designating Greek letters of the different chapters, but their geographical distribution and the standing of the various colleges represented. Then let them obtain a fair knowledge of other national fraternities, especi-

ally those having chapters at their own college. Above all strive to implant in these new brothers an abiding interest in, and loyalty for the national fraternity as distinct from the chapter, so that their value as Delts may not terminate with their graduation. Let the older brothers realize that one of the most effective means of educating the freshman is by example. A willingness to work and a strong spirit of loyalty permeating the entire chapter will be the very best instruction that can be provided."—*Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*